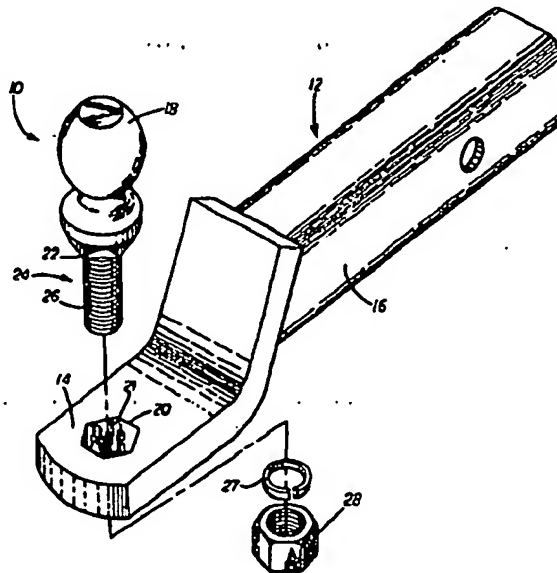




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(57) Abstract

A trailer hitch (10) includes a hitch bar (12), a ball mount head (14), a hitch ball (18) with a threaded mounting stem (24) and a fastener (28) for securing the hitch ball to the ball mount head. More specifically, the ball mount head (14) includes a mounting aperture (20) with a sidewall (21) defining an arcuate outline. The mounting stem (24) of the hitch ball (18) includes a locking element (22) for engaging within the sidewall (21) defining the arcuate outline. As a result of this structural relationship, rotation of the hitch ball mounting stem (24) relative to the ball mount head (14) is prevented so that the fastener (28) may be easily secured thereto and tightened to hold the hitch ball in position.